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WESTS — APIA MERGER BLOW:

LOVE MATCH OFF FOR SYDNEY

Western Suburbs, at a special board meeting last Monday night, decided not to join forces with APIA in the Philips League.

This came as a major surprise after weeks of secret and most successful negotiations between the two clubs.

Only last week a joint meeting of West and APIA hammered out a broad agreement on the details and agreed to call the new venture APIA-Western Suburbs in the first year, with something more neutral and perhaps more exciting to follow.

The initiative for the merger came from Western Suburbs some two months ago and APIA happily accepted the advances.

Now, it seems, in the last minute Wests had a change of heart and decided to continue on their own in the PSL.

APIA president Nick Papallo said he was bitterly disappointed and stunned by the decision.

"We will keep trying to get into the PSL one way or another," he said.

"It's also possible that Western Suburbs will re-think their decision which, I feel sure, is not to the advantage of either party."

TITLE RACE CLOSE

With two rounds to go in the PSL, the race appears to have been reduced to a tussle between West Adelaide and Easts Hakoah.

However, this weekend may not solve all the riddles as smoothly as many people expect.

West Adelaide (33 pts.) will make a perilous journey to play South Melbourne (30 pts.) and a defeat by the guests could dramatically alter the prospects of both Greek-based clubs.

On the other hand, a win by West Adelaide could edge them within a whisker of the title.

Hakoah (31 pts.) with what seems to be an "easy" draw, are diligently collecting the points.

However, against the brilliantly rejuvenated St. George on Sunday they cannot take a win for granted.

Much as Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi took the Saints into his heart for their precious win over Marconi, on Sunday the same likeable Chaldi will view the same Saints somewhat differently.

Marconi (29 pts.), with yet another defeat, now have only the remotest chances for a title win — at odds of 20/1 or better.

The team which conquered one and all in such a brilliant style earlier in the season has become ordinary and vulnerable.

So another year is likely to go by without Rale Rasic achieving his ambition of winning a championship title with any of the teams he has been coaching in Sydney since 1970.

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The merger terms for the respective football clubs called for formation of a company with an equal shareholding by both sides.

The chairmanship was to rotate between the partners annually.

The transfer market value of the players who were needed was to be assessed, and a financial adjustment was to be made between the two present clubs.

Western Suburbs have their established PSL stars of the Peter Stone, Clive Eaton, Peter Wilson and Dave Harding class.

Their team would provide the backbone of the new club.

Players such as Bob McGinn, State representative Terry Butler and Mike Fraser would receive their chance to play in the national competition.

Discussions between the respective boards have been held secretly for some time.

Wests, as a soundly based Australian club, have been unsuccessful in drawing crowds at Drummoyne Oval, Sydney Sports Ground and at Dural, and are at present gauging the potential of Wentworth Park.

Both Wests and APIA are centred in the Leichhardt-Drummoyne district, and it is doubtful whether a rationalisation of operations could be postponed much longer.

Wests' club was formed on an "old" area of Australia population, which now has an Italian-oriented community of more than 28,000.

APIA's pocket-handkerchief ground, Lambert Park, is below PSL standards.

Leichhardt Oval, used by Balmain and by the Rugby league for the Amco Cup, is the ideal spot.

It adjoins the APIA club, and is also handy to Wests' club in William Street, Five Dock.

Rugby League will put up a fight to hold exclusive ground, but suitable alternatives are available.

The amalgamation would bring back to the game the glory of big clashes against Marconi and Sydney Olympic.

Gate receipts would increase enormously.

It is only possible for one club from the area to have PSL membership, so the combination has distinct merits.

Cup '82 'Guests'

Rumors are getting stronger: Spain is trying to do a deal with FIFA about the '82 World Cup finals.

The Spanish are believed to be ready to accommodate 24 finalists instead of the present 16 — if they can invite eight teams to take part without the actual need to qualify.

The first hint of this came from Brazilian sources, perhaps close to FIFA boss Joao Havelange; now Viennese officials also swear by it.

According to this, Spain's guest list would include the six former World champions (Uruguay, Brazil, Italy, West Germany, England and Argentina), twice runners-up Holland and, of course, themselves.



St. George stopper Brendan Grosse clears with a diving header in last Sunday's match against Marconi.

Philips Cup in September

Newcastle United and Western Suburbs will meet in the first Philips Cup quarter-final at the International Sports Centre on Sunday, September 3.

Brisbane City and Easts-Hakoah meet in Brisbane on September 24, and the winners of these two games will provide one-semi-finalist.

Easts cannot play earlier because of their engagement in the Philips Top-Four series.

Canberra City are home to Fitzroy United at Bruce Stadium on September 24.

If the Victorian Federation approves the date this week, Essendon and Adelaide City will meet in Melbourne on the same day.

Semi-finals will have separate north-eastern and southern flavors, with the winners of the first two and the second two games playing off in the semi-finals on October 1.

Western Suburbs coach Mike Laing is concerned at the cost of keeping the Magpies in training after the premiership ends.

If they defeat Newcastle they will, presumably, have to wait four weeks until their semi-final is played, due to the playing of the Top-Four series and the other clubs playing their quarter finals on September 24.

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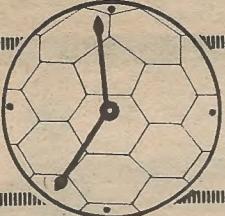
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Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

North Rocks (5th Div.) had a 2-0 good home win against the division leaders, Bonnyrigg Eagles, last weekend. All Rocks players performed better than expected especially goalkeeper Alan Downton, who made many brilliant saves. Alan, however, was unlucky to give his team mate, Tony Stevens, an accidental head-but resulting in a large gash to his forehead. Knowing his team had won, Tony did not mind the 12 stitches he later received at hospital.

Camden (6th Div.) club will be conducting the Camden Cup Competition on Saturday, September 23, at Ponderosa Park, Camden. Originally set down for pre-season, bad weather forced a postponement until now. Teams competing are: Bonnyrigg Eagles, Concordia, Camden, Prospect County, Picton, Narellan, Edensor Park and Revesby.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (5th Div.), despite their loss this weekend, are now certain to take out the premiership. This year's promotion will be the third in succession for the Eagles since affiliating with the Federation three years ago, a record surpassed only by Toongabbie. The Eagles' excellent record is mainly due to the highly disciplined, skilled players and the very capable leadership of the coach, Michael Tooma.

West St. George (6th Div.) secretary John Evans reports his fears were realised last Saturday, as of the five players who left for a week of snow holiday, two returned injured. Gary Gibson, first grade forward, returned with a suspected hair-line fractured collar bone, and Dave Hooper, first grade midfielder, with a dislocated shoulder and will be out at least for the remainder of the season. Despite this, West St. George kept the division leaders, Eastern Creek, to a 1-1 draw last weekend.

Prospect County (6th Div.) will be conducting the fourth Festival of Nations KO Competition over October 14, 21, 22 and 20 at Knight Park, Fairfield. Teams from 7th, 6th and 5th div. Federation, the Sydney Amateur Soccer League and district associations will be eligible to enter. Closing date is September 21. For further enquiries please phone the secretary, Val Hokin, on 604-3193.

Hurstville Zagreb (4th Div.) are thankful to Tom Nazor, their first grade captain, for scoring a late goal in the 1-1 draw against Greenwich. Tom was playing his first game back after being off several weeks with injuries.

Eastwood St. Andrews (5th Div.) last week awarded a special club trophy to Gary Sherringham for having reached his 100th match for the club. In his 101st match against Maroubra last weekend, Gary showed his appreciation to the club by scoring the only Eastwood goal in the 1-1 result.

Camden (6th Div.) takes pride in the fact that Socceroo Gary Byrne came through the junior ranks of Camden. At 16 years he joined Marconi and is now playing full time professional soccer in West Germany.

West Holroyd (6th Div.) have been very strong in the junior ranks this year. Fielding 13 junior teams, seven have made it to the grand finals with another three in the finals.

Edensor Park (7th Div.) coach Bruno Tomasov feels Philip League club scouts should keep their eyes on quite a few of the Amateur division players in Federation. Young goalkeeper Bill Peros and winger John Pagano have exceptional talents. The Edensor club will be sending the two teams to the Inter-Croatia competition in Canberra in October and on another trip to Brisbane.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Title decided but incentives remain

With the 1978 Rothmans League championship decided in Cumberland United's favor, interest will centre during the remaining two weeks of the season on the relegation issue and the struggle for top-four and top-six positions.

The leading four will qualify for the Coca-Cola Cup play-offs while the top six will be eligible to contest the 1979 Ampol Cup night series along with West Adelaide and Adelaide City.

Relegation threatened sides Noarlunga United and Para Hills face tough contracts on Saturday against respective opponents, Polonia and Croatia.

United, currently three points behind Para Hills, must defeat Polonia on Saturday to bridge the gap and then

FEDERATION CUP (Semi-finals)

CAMPBELLTOWN-BUDAPEST 2 v NOARLUNGA UNITED 2 (after extra-time). Goals — C-B: Chadwick (penalty, 63m), Barendregt (114m); Noarlunga United: Daglish (89m).

Campbelltown-Budapest: Scarella, Garaffa, Raponi, Blamco (Hawes), Booth, Natale, Hodgson, Chadwick, Matrecciani (Jarvis), Haigh, Barendregt.

Noarlunga United: Young (Plowright), Ottawa, Cartwright, Moore, Martin, Caughey (Daglish), White, Wetton, McArdle, Artis, Foy.

CUMBERLAND UNITED 2 v CROATIA 1 (after extra-time). Goals — Cumberland: Welsh (76m), Leane (94m); Croatia: Harrow (7m).

Cumberland United: R. Parks, B. Leane, Harvey (Mason), Stuart, Ball, Evans, D. Leane, Parkhurst (Mexsom), Mahoney, Welsh, Reeves.

Croatia: Przybylski, Williams, Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar, Pope (A. Matilic), Rogosic (Rushani), Ilicic, Harrow, Thomson, Hayes.

their hopes of survival will hinge on the final league game of the season — against Para Hills.

Polonia's major incentive will be to retain sixth place so they can defend the Ampol Cup they won this year.

Wins to Polonia and Croatia appear the logical results although desperation may provide the spur of the underdogs.

Champions Cumberland should repeat their earlier success over Lion of Bailey Reserve.

The Cumbrians, however, may be jaded following their 120-minute Federation Cup semi-final marathon last Saturday which started in daylight and finished under the Hindmarsh Stadium floodlights.

Second placed Azzurri should figure in a spirited tussle with Enfield-Victoria (fourth) at Adey Reserve.

Azzurri, under former SA coach Peter Jakska, have left their run too late to take the title, but in their present mood the Blues look strong Coca-Cola Cup candidates.

The differing styles of prolific goalscorers, Joe Serafini (Azzurri) and Bobby Tuffs (Victoria), should provide many match highlights with the most effective of the strikers possibly deciding the outcome.

The Beograd v Elizabeth City clash should also be a lively encounter with City determined to win back a place in the top four.

Elizabeth won the first round match 2-1 and despite their recent loss to Azzurri, they should bounce back to winning form.

The late acquisition of big Ian Greenhalgh has helped City's scoring potential, while former Adelaide City fullback Ron Fraser has slotted in neatly with Bobby Henderson, Alan Strain and top flight mid-fielder, Norman Lees.

SELECTIONS: Polonia; Para Hills-Croatia Draw; Cumberland; Azzurri-Victoria Draw; Elizabeth City.

— A.C.

Well done, Cumberland

With two League matches remaining, Cumberland are officially champions for 1978, with 25 points.

Last Saturday, Cumberland gave additional proof of their superiority by qualifying for the Federation Cup final by defeating Croatia 2-1 at Hindmarsh.

A double-header of both semi-finals was played and the first match ended with a 2-1 win to second division Campbelltown-Budapest over first division relegation candidates Noarlunga United.

A strong Cumberland supporter who at the start of the season went offering 3 to 1 on to Cumberland to win the 1978 title naturally did his home work.

United gained admittance to the first division in 1976 through the exclusion of Juventus and Hellas who joined the PSL.

For years the team held its own in the top league, but in 1975 it was a sudden blow to everyone down at Bailey Reserve when the club finished

at the bottom of the first division and was relegated.

However, at the start of the 1978 season, coach Denis Harlow teamed up with ex-referee Denis Grant (now in Europe on vacation), and made two major signings in David Mahoney, a striker from Polonia, and the very talented Gary Reeves, former Hellas first team squad player.

John Garside is now helping Harlow.

United received a further boost when David Leane decided to return to his former club from Adelaide City (for business reasons he could not meet the PSL club's training requirements).

With experienced players like Robbie Parks, probably the best keeper in the Rothmans League,

dynamic little John Mason, who recently played his 200th game for the club, plus youngsters like Gary Parkhurst and promising Brian Welsh, Cumberland United promises to be at the top of the bill in SA Rothmans League for many years to come.

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE



FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Western Suburbs	12	2	3	57	13	25
2. St. George Dragons	9	3	4	24	20	21
3. Marconi Raiders	8	4	4	29	24	20
4. Marconi Comets	7	5	4	46	17	19
5. Newcastle	8	3	5	46	22	19
6. Easts Hakoah	7	3	6	27	26	17
7. Olympic	6	2	8	23	23	14
8. St. George Colts	3	3	10	31	41	9
9. Western NSW				16	11	108

NEXT WEEKEND:

Marconi Raiders v St. George Dragons (Barton Park, Sunday, 3pm)
Marconi Comets v Western Suburbs (Bossley Park, Sunday, 1pm)
Hakoah v St. George Colts (Barton Park, Sunday, 11am)
Olympic v Newcastle (Barton Park, Sunday, 1pm)

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17: Disco Night with radio personality Chris Ball and the Go Go Girls.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18: Request Dance Night — Ray Williams Orchestra.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19: Carter Edwards — vocal and variety entertainer.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20: 2pm Film starring Karen Black, Oliver Reed and Bette Davis. 8pm: Romano Dragoni — international singing star.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22: Euchre Night.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

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VIC'S QUICKS

The Education Department of

South Australia has just released

an interesting publication in its

sport package series. Entitled

"SOCCER" it contains a copy of

the laws of the game; notes on

the development of the game

locally and nationally; evolution

of systems, etc. The major work

takes the form of overhead

transparencies which highlight

the law, field dimensions,

systems, skill practices, etc. A

spokesman for the Department

said that the publication was

primarily produced for the pro-

motion of the game in various in-

stitutions. It is nevertheless a

useful item for coaches working

at various club levels. Copies

may be obtained from the SA

Soccer Federation at Hindmarsh

Stadium, Hindmarsh 5000. Price

\$8.

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An U/16 side from Armadale

Pk, WA, will visit Adelaide later in

August. Elizabeth City Secretary

Brian Ballard is organising

matches for the visitors.

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PSL round 26, the last of the

season between West Adelaide

and Adelaide City could well be

the most memorable encounter

in the history of soccer in

Adelaide. The two clubs have

been arch rivals since their

formation; the game could be the

decider for the championship;

playing for the second leg of the

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won the first leg 2-1; the Philips

Cup match when City beat West

is far from being forgotten, it's

believed that supporters from

both clubs are promising dollars

by the hundreds to their respec-

tive players for a win ...

Weather permitting, a record

crowd is expected at Hindmarsh

Stadium on August 26.

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Will Adelaide coach Les

Scheinflug who took over from

Edmund Kreft mid-season stay

with City next season? He said he

was very pleased to be with the

club

Rudi has ways to make you like him

A funny thing happened to Rudi Gutendorf on his way to the World Cup in Argentina: he got tipped off about a job going in Australia.

The secretary of the West German Association told him; FIFA general secretary Dr Helmut Kaser told him; finally, in the plush lobby of the Buenos Aires Sheraton hotel, Sir Sir Arthur George and Brian Le Fevre also told him.

That was in May. On July 6, in Sydney, he became the new national coach of the Socceroos for three, possibly four years.

His appearance and demeanor certainly contradict the many somewhat flamboyant epithets which had preceded his arrival: showman, loudmouth, erratic genius and restless soul cursed with wanderlust.

At 52 (born on August 30, 1926, at Koblenz on the Rhine), he cuts a tall, trim figure with long blond-greying hair, intense blue eyes and a ready smile.

Gutendorf handles questions with all the aplomb of a much-travelled and much-quizzed celebrity, at all times anxious to be friendly yet weighing all his words carefully: he knows that careless pledges and promises are apt to backfire later.

SW: Were you an outstanding player?

RG: Not really. I played in the old Regional Liga with TuS Neundorf, not far from my home town of Koblenz. It was a good little team, we had, among others, the former all-time great Helmut Jahn at fullback.

SW: People say that you've held very many jobs and you don't stay put too long in one place.

RG: Well, it's both true and false. I'm perhaps the most travelled coach in the world, having worked in every continent except Asia. (See box of Gutendorf's record.) But some of those so-called jobs were brief excursions at special invitations. Take Botswana where they asked me to spend four weeks to form a national team, to celebrate the State's 10th anniversary. So, I said OK, I'll accept. Or when I held a course in Trinidad and Antigua. The German newspapers came out with the headline: "Another job for Rudi..."

SW: What was your first success as a coach?

RG: Meiderich, now called Duisburg. In 1964, the first year of the Bundesliga, we came in second. It was there that I introduced the then revolutionary tactical method which newspapers dubbed as the "lock", and I obtained the nickname of "Riegel Rudi" (Lock Rudi). The essence was a tight defensive formation from which we broke fast with overlapping fullbacks. It was completely new then; all teams use it nowadays.

SW: You left Hamburg under stormy conditions. Did you resign?

RG: No, I was fired; that was one of the very few cases when I didn't leave voluntarily. I went there from T-B Berlin and, as Hamburg was one of the top clubs in Europe, how could I refuse the offer? We had Kevin Keegan there, so I said to myself, Rudi, you've realised your dreams now. Nobody could foretell that things could go wrong. Dr. Krohn, the manager, blamed me for the team's defeats and engineered my dismissal. But he was also fired: the club said if I was guilty, so was the good doctor.

SW: When you coach a team, do you use the "soft method" with the players or roar at them?

RG: Depends on the circumstances. Once, with Schalke, we were down 0-2 at halftime. I closed the door and worked myself deliberately into a rage. I shook players by the shoulder, told them they were rubbish, old women, should be stoned to death by their fans. They were ashen-faced, thinking I'd gone mad. Then I opened the dressingroom door and said: "Now go out and kill them." We won 4-2. I tried exactly the same in Peru years later. It didn't work: the players collapsed under my barrage.

SW: They say that you often resort to gimmicks and tricks to

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

get results. Can you mention a few examples?

RG: I do it only when it's necessary. When I was with T-B Berlin, the club had no money to buy a top player. So, for DM 15,000, I sold my Mercedes sports car and put the money in a kitty. The TV and Press were all there, they made a big fuss. Fancy a coach selling his own car, they said. Anyway, within two days businessmen of Berlin contributed another DM 400,000 — and we could buy the Swedish star Benny Wendt.

SW: Any other?

RG: With Schalke, we kept losing spectators. The club had internal problems, the publicity was bad, the overall feeling in the city of Gelsenkirchen was that we have pampered, overpaid stars who can't perform. So I took the whole team for training runs for a week every morning — at 5. We ran past the factories and coal mines so that the workers could see the players and realise that they are also workers, just like them. The crowds picked up immediately.

In the USA, with St

cannot train twice a day as it's done in Germany.

SW: You were in Sydney with Stuttgart in 1966; has Australian soccer changed since?

RG: Enormously. Then it was mainly kick and rush, all physical. I saw your national team in Germany in 1974 and again saw a match now in Sydney and I can see huge improvements. Your teams "play" much more than previously. I guess the standard is the same as at the top of the West German second division; if the players were a bit fitter, they could match the bottom teams of the Bundesliga.

SW: Will you be also running courses and lectures in Australia?

RG: No, that remains Eric Worthington's territory. Of course, I'll help out whenever I'm needed, but I won't interfere in Eric's overall plans.

SW: Predictably, your appointment was surrounded by controversy; how do you intend to gain the co-operation of the other coaches?

RG: I'll work with them very

closely. I intend to spend 8 to 14 days with all leading PSL and State League clubs everywhere to get to know the coaches and their players. I will seek their cooperation and offer mine, I want them to believe that they can work with me. I am a simple sportsman, not a loudmouth.

SW: Role Basic was a popular choice of the public and the daily Press and yet he missed out on the job. How do you regard him?

RG: Very highly; I think in 1974 he did a fantastic job. I'll meet him, talk to him and will try to be friends with him. If he accepts, I am happy; if not, too bad.

SW: Are you also in charge of the under-19 national team?

RG: Yes. I didn't have to do it but I asked for it. I feel that it'll be easier to build a national team for the future if I also handle the young talents of the under-19 side. So that'll be my very first task when I get back in September, preparing this team for the New Zealand tournament.

SW: Do you feel you'll have enough to do as a fulltime national coach?

RG: As I mentioned, I intend to visit every club — and spend up to two weeks with each of them. In a huge country like Australia this is, in itself, a mighty job. Compare it with the job of Jupp Derwall, coach of West Germany. He's got it easy: he gets ready-made, accomplished players, while I'll have to find these first, then blend them into a team. I don't think I'll be bored.

SW: The Socceroos usually play three or four friendlies a year; do you think that's enough?

RG: Not at all. I'll try to arrange at least six or eight games a year, perhaps one overseas tour every season. Of course, the distances are crippling and one also must bear in mind the interests of the clubs. But we'll work out a plan. I'm also very keen that Australia should nominate for the Moscow Olympics. I think a way can be



Rudi Gutendorf, the new Socceroo boss with the big mission: Spain 1982.

SW: You were at the recent World Cup in Argentina. Did you see anything new?

RG: Nothing really. The 1970 finals in Mexico produced a new concept, perhaps the last: the tactical use of substitute players. Not everybody is suitable for this. Our Grabowski was the ideal: he could fire the moment he stepped on the grass.

SW: Any surprises in Argentina?

RG: Argentina. They played daringly and aggressively, quite unlike in the past. At times they were brilliant but at all times disciplined — and that won the Cup for them, deservedly.

SW: What's your ambition in Australia?

RG: The 1982 World Cup finals. I must convince the players that we can do it and will do it. I have a super-bonus written into my contract with the ASF if we pull this off. At the same time, I want to help lift the overall standard of Australian soccer and develop young players.

1953: Receives West German coaching diploma from the late Sepp Herberger.
1954-1961: FC Luzern in Switzerland, gaining promotion in 1956, winning Swiss Cup in 1960.
1961-1963: National coach of Tunisia.
1963-1964: Meiderich-Duisburg, West German first division; runners-up in 1964.
1964-1966: VfB Stuttgart, West German first division; visits Australia 1966.
1966-1968: St. Louis Stars, US Pro League.
1968-1970: Schalke 04, West German first division; German Cup finalists 1969, European Cup winners' Cup semifinalists.
1970-1971: Cristal Lima in Peru, first division.
1971-1973: National coach of Chile.
1974-1976: Munchen 1860, West German second division.
1976-1977: Tennis Borussia Berlin, West German first division.
1977-1978: SV Hamburg, West German first division.
National players under his care: Kutz, Kargus, Russmann, Fischer (West Germany), Wendt (Sweden), Quesada (Peru), Pirkner, Hattenberger (Austria).

Louis Stars, the American fans complained that there weren't enough goals, too many shots missed their target. So, temporarily, I had new goalposts made — all one metre wide. Many balls that would have gone wide or high came back into play, there was a lot of goalmouth excitement and many goals.

SW: When you went to St. Louis, they were outlaws, outside FIFA; didn't you take a big risk with your career?

RG: I did but I couldn't refuse. I was with Stuttgart when the American offer came — \$40,000 a year, tax-free. So I said what the heck, outlawed or not, I can earn enough to be secure for life. Then I worked ceaselessly on the USA getting back into FIFA — and achieved it within six months.

SW: Did you also achieve your financial aim?

RG: Certainly. It was during my years in the USA that I earned enough to become a man of independent means. I have two large houses in Koblenz and I could live from these revenues without working another day in my life. The club president in St. Louis was the owner of a vast brewery, they really spoilt me there. I was earning more than Hélio Herrera with Inter Milan. Don't forget, those days the US dollar was worth DM 4.

SW: Yet you kept working and taking more jobs?

RG: Yes, because I love football and cannot live without it. But, thanks to my investments, I took only jobs that I liked. From almost everywhere I resigned and didn't get fired. I was never prepared to prostitute myself just for a job.

SW: What about your contract in Australia?

RG: It's for three years plus a fourth if we make the World Cup finals in 1982. The contract cannot be broken by either party. I regard it as a supreme challenge: I want to show here what I can achieve. I'm an industrious coach, I work hard. On the other hand, I know that with part-timers one has to make concessions and we

A name to watch out for in coming years is WAYNE COOTE, an 18-year-old left sided player with Croatia. ATI ABONYI rates him highly, both in talent and dedication, and feels that he has the right attitude to go a long way in the game.

What with Wests and Hakoah involved with the National Coaching Association, it seems soccer really has gone to the dogs. Now comes the news that Arnliffe Scots' winger DAVE BAKER has a greyhound which he races frequently at Harold Park. Lately it has been earning some minor placings. The name, if you are interested in a punt, is Cenies Mission.

In our last issue we made a mistake: the coach of Ku-ring-gai is, of course, MICK JONES, and not Frank Malone.

On Friday, August 18, Soccer World editor Andrew Dettre will give a talk to the NSW REFEREES on the 1978 World Cup. The venue is the Western Suburbs club, the time is 8pm.

Auburn stalwart TERRY BERTRAM is ready to return to first grade after recovering fully from an injury. Terry has spent the past few weeks playing in second grade, but now is hoping for selection in firsts.

A small piece of news from the fourth division club, Holroyd: Although lying last in the first grade competition, one must give the lads credit, for there is such a lack of players in the club that the first graders have to perform the duties of second grade as well.

The Second Division club Belmore, presently lying seventh, seem to have lost their chance of making the semifinals after a loss last weekend. However, the

means they must play TWO games within 10 minutes of each other. Last week, to the embarrassment of all at Artarmon, the Holroyd lads got up in the first grade match, after a grueling seconds clash they had won, and held Artarmon to a 1-1 draw.

Journey's end . . . the week before St. George stars George Harris and Doug Utjesenovic had their money stolen from the PERRY PARK dressing room while they were playing Brisbane City. According to the good old Australian soccer custom, the Saints shared the dressing room with a team in the early match.

No one can accuse Auburn of having home ground advantage by playing at Mona Park, for it seems, from the playing record, that they like playing there less than their opponents. From the 10 home games Auburn have played they have managed to win only two, while away from home they have registered eight wins.

PHIL MIKAS, the young Melita left back, will be out of action for at least two weeks with a dislocated shoulder.

On Saturday evening, August 19, at the Auburn SC, a fund-raising night will be held with supper, beef and burgundy wine, entertainment. Tickets: \$8.00 a head. Phone 727-7937, Eric Smith, or from your club secretary.

Croatia player-coach ATI ABONYI feels that the effects of the club's overseas tour will not be immediately noticeable, but will take time to pay off. He feels that the young players, such as KEVIN COLEMAN, BOBBY RUSSELL and MARIJAN

second and third grade sides look set for births and at least will show the club's colors in the end of year tournament.

Arnliffe Scots have decided to offer KAZ KULAK the coaching job with the club for 1979. They feel that in the short time he has been with them he has sufficiently proved himself to warrant this early approach, and they hope that with a longer period to prepare the team, better things can be achieved next season.

More details have come to hand about Melita's golden boy, JOE FARRUGIA. Joe, who had to return to Malta to visit sick relatives, is expected back within a week, and so should be a part of Melita's drive to the semifinals.

It is also likely that another Farrugia, RAYMOND, will join the team. Raymond is no relation to Joe, but is also Maltese, and by all reports was expected to arrive this week. He played with the Maltese club, Floriana, the island's champions, as a striker, and the 22-year-old has been selected a couple of times for the national team.

Two staunch Auburn supporters, LEN QUESTED and KEN FERGUSON, are both on holidays, spending some time in the sun on Fiji. They are due back in a fortnight.

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CLUB PATROL

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KOVACIC will gain from the experience of playing many matches in a short time, and also from the comradeship built up throughout the tour.

ATTI ABONYI wants to quash any rumors of his retirement; he plans to continue playing until at least the end of next season. By that time he hopes he will have played his 500th first grade match, a target he set himself a long while back. After that Atti feels that he will concentrate only on coaching.

Arnliffe's powerful defender-cum-striker STEVE BLACKBURN has one avid fan, his father BRIAN. Each week "dad" goes along to watch his son, except the week they played against APIA. The week Steve scored two goals . . .

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Syd. Olympic

2 (1)

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 4, Palmer 3, Bell 3, G. Allan 3 (D. Allan: 84m), Wilson 3, Laing 4, Jamieson 3, Cross 3, Luckett 3, Ainslie 4. **Coach:** Joe Marston.

Goals: 1-0 Ainslie (10min), 1-1 Kelso (26m), 2-1 McIntosh (65m). **Referee:** J. Reeves (Newcastle). **Crowd:** 1138.

Sydney Olympic have now only dropped three points in the last sixteen, quite a good performance, although they did not play with the authority that the record implies. Brisbane City, under new coach Ian Rathmell, lost the game because they were not tight enough at the back. It is not possible to cover every eventuality in a game, but both Olympic goals came from men who had no one making a challenge on them at all.

Alan Ainslie, controlling the ball quickly 10 metres outside the box, struck a beautifully-judged shot to Kim Wishart's right, and goal number one was registered without challenge. Later Dave McIntosh came in to score with a scorching header from outside the far post after Greg Allan had crossed from the right wing. Once again he

Brisbane City

1 (1)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Rathmell 3, Kibbey 3, Tokesi 3, Perry 4, Gaftney 4, Coyne 3, Brusasco 3, Kelso 4 (Johnson: 82m), Echeverria 4, Caldwell 3. **Coach:** Ian Rathmell.

Goals: 1-0 Ainslie (10min), 1-1 Kelso (26m), 2-1 McIntosh (65m). **Referee:** J. Reeves (Newcastle). **Crowd:** 1138.

was as free as the very considerable breeze that blasted down the park. In between times Brisbane City's outstanding capture Barry Kelso knocked one in after high drama in the Olympic goalmouth. The ball came over, hit the crossbar and bounded out into play, with Kelso scoring after Meier was unable to gain control. While both teams battled hard, neither side was particularly strong in wing play, although Derek Laing did his best work Olympic into scoring positions.

There was high drama towards the end, when City all but netted after Kevin Caldwell opened up the Olympic defence with a clever and well-directed scissors kick. A goal at that stage would have been unfair to Olympic, but Meier smothered the move.

— KEITH GILMOUR

St. George

2 (2)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 5, Utjesenovic 4 (M. O'Shea: 77m), Harris 4, Grosse 4, Terry 3, J. O'Shea 3, R. O'Shea 2, Coates 5, Hensman 2, O'Conor 3, Morgan 3. **Coach:** Joe Vlasits.

Goals: 1-0 Morgan (2m), 2-0 Coates (24m), 2-1 Vieri (55m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 3234.

In a 20-minute opening spell St. George destroyed any lingering hopes Marconi may have had towards the PSL title. For just under half an hour they totally outplayed Marconi, varying their tactics and capitalising on defensive mistakes. These Marconi provided with gay abandon, with Prskalo being the chief culprit. It was he, after only two minutes, who gave one of his nonchalant back passes, allowing Morgan to pounce and score.

Coates was dominant throughout the first half, probing forward, creating in midfield and also covering back in defence. Brendan Grosse was his usual solid self in the back line, while Utjesenovic had a sound game. Marconi failed to use any of their

Marconi

1 (0)

MARCONI: Maher 3, Jones 3, Degney 4, Russell 3, Prskalo 2, Rooney 3, Vieri 4, Marian 2, Ollerton 3, Sharne 2, Jankovics 2. **Coach:** Raleasic.

Goals: 1-0 Morgan (2m), 2-0 Coates (24m), 2-1 Vieri (55m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 3234.

strikers effectively. Sharne was never fed those long, raking balls he loves; Marian was always tightly marked; Jankovics concentrated on ploughing through the packed middle area; while Ollerton was seldom given any high balls to head onto.

The second Saints goal, effectively put away by Coates, was a defensive mistake, with the Marconi off-side trap going badly. The second half was almost totally Marconi's but, because of their stereotyped attack, they found penetration difficult. Ollerton will find sleep hard for a good while after his catastrophic miss in injury time when, with the goal yawning before him, he placed his header onto the cross bar.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

Brisbane Lions

1 (0)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 4, Potter 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 4, Neale 3, Amos 4, Ontong 3, Hughes 3, Fairbrother 3, Laslo 2 (Morris 75m). **Coach:** Julius Vincze.

Goals: 0-1 Campbell (24m), 1-1 Amos (58m). **Referee:** J. Woods. **Crowd:** 1500.

This game did nothing to convince the smallest Perry Park crowd of the season that they should go out of their way to come back for more. To think that both sides have a mathematical chance of finishing in the top four was to expect an all-out assault on either goal by them, but it was not to be. Defences again proved too strong for both forward lines, though in Lions' case it may be correct to say Fairbrother for, once again, the team had slipped into its old ways, the nuggety little forward being left to his own devices while endless high balls were pumped into the danger area where the giant Provan had the simplest of tasks pumping them back out again.

The expected "battle" between Cole and Buljevic, and Hermiston and Bennett never eventuated, the Fitzroy pair playing well below their best.

— JIM BINNIE

Fitzroy's goal was a forgettable affair.

Cole, finding himself all alone wide on

the right, yards offside, galloped on

and in where he crossed to Campbell

who tapped home. The linesman had a

"confused look" about the whole affair but the old adage about "the whistle" has to be repeated.

The only highlight of the second half

was Amos' equaliser when the little

midfielder sent an unsaveable

25-metre shot past a helpless Marner.

Lions had a good spell after this and,

for 15 minutes Marner earned his

money but, with his success, Lions

quickly folded and the game faded out

in mediocre play. On the whole, an

end of season performance by most

players in an end of season match that

did nothing to enhance PSL

reputation. Both sides are capable of

better things.

— JIM BINNIE

West Adelaide

West. Suburbs

2 (1)

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WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4 (Service 85m), Bozanic 4, Reynolds 4, **McGachey** 5, Kambas 4, **Jones** 5, Boyle 5, Pillans 4 (Zervas 67m), Norris 4, Honeyman 4, McGregor 3. **Coach:** Jim Adam.

Goals: 1-0 Norris (42m), 2-0 Boyle (61m). **Referee:** J. Johnston. **Crowd:** 5321. **Cautions:** Turnbull, Boyle.

This was Westad's 15th win of the season and it was probably their most decisive. The pressure weighed heavily on Westad following their morale-shattering loss to Hakoah the previous week, but they answered the challenge with a superb return to top form. The big difference was wrought by the return of Con Kambas and Dave Pillans but, as with all of Westad's major successes this year, it was their irrepressible team spirit which won the day.

Westad set the standard for the vital victory with a withering opening 20 minutes of non-stop attacking football. The dominant period was highlighted by intelligent running off the ball, faultless back-up and tigerish tackling from the entire side. West Adelaide were a clear winner on "points" when former Western Suburbs striker, Graham Norris delivered the knock-out blow with a great goal three minutes before half time. Boyle sent a low cross from the right wing into the goalmouth where Norris dived spectacularly to head the ball past Terry Eaton.

Westad grabbed its second goal four minutes later as Boyle expertly guided a header past Eaton from a regular interval.

— ALAN CRISP

Newcastle

Footscray

1 (1)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 4, Hazabent 3, Kozl 3, Kriaris 4, Kondarias 4, Ilioski 3, Picioane 4, Ristic 3, Lujic 4, Vasic 3 (Nicolaidis 60m), Boden 4, Tredinnick 3. **Coach:** Cerdic Crkovic.

Goals: 0-1 Ristovski (23m), 1-1 Boden (38m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 6834. **Cautions:** Hazabent.

The only title either can win in the PSL is that of "wooden spooner" and the standard of play in the second half degenerated into some haphazard and aimless football which failed to arouse the enthusiasm of yet another big crowd at the International Sports Centre. The gusty conditions appeared to play havoc with any pre-match plans the rival teams had of winning, and both combinations seemed content to earn one point from a disjointed performance. Footscray kicked off in scintillating fashion, making Newcastle look leaden footed, as Ristovski, Picioane and Lujic carved their way forward. However, despite the attractiveness of their ball play there was a distinct lack of resolution in their finishing with the result that Newcastle "keeper Dando was not called into action.

But this period of ascendancy by Footscray barely lasted 10 minutes before the Newcastle fullback pairing of Peter Willis and Colin Curran began to take a hand in attack build ups. Their strong running from defensive positions awoke Newcastle from a mood of lethargy, and both Sneddon and Endacott missed gilt-edged opportunities to beat Footscray goalkeeper Boland. In the 23rd minute, Footscray snatched the lead in simple fashion. Skipper Drinkwater gave away a freekick on the edge of the penalty box when he handled the ball. From the place kick Ristovski casually curved a low shot wide of the defensive wall, leaving Dando helpless as the ball sneaked just inside the upright.

— MYLES HAY

Sth. Melbourne

5 (1)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 4, Pye 3, Hatzimanouli 3, Baxter 3 (Kyriakouleas 84m), Kalafatidis 3, Lutton 4, Kakantonis 2, Rogers 2, Muniz 4, Deans 2, Matic 3, Cummings 3, Evans 5, Campbell 4 (Nicolaidis 57m). **Coach:** Dave Maclare.

Goals: 1-0 Evans (35m), 2-0 Baxter (62m), 3-0 Kalafatidis (78m), 4-0 Cummings (82m), 5-0 Evans (83m). **Referee:** N. Karlich. **Crowd:** 5000. **Cautions:** Perin, Lister. **Sent off:** Deans (62m).

South Melbourne redeemed themselves in the eyes of their supporters with a strong win to set the stage for a do or die encounter with West Adelaide this week. But the win had its sobering side for South; tricky winger George Campbell, who has struck up such a wonderful understanding with Alan Evans and Duncan Cummings, was carried off and found to have a broken leg. South were without Frank Munro (suspended) and George Christopoulos (touring), and introduced 16-year-old Chris Kakantonis, with another teenager, Chris Kyriakouleas, on the bench.

For 15 minutes the visitors dominated and also dished out some punishment and I felt that referee Karlich could have been more severe on both sides, but he let things go, with dire consequences. Deans was unlucky when he turned quickly on the ball and shot just wide, but then South got on top and their pressure paid off when Alan Evans expertly headed home a perfect cross from George Campbell. South were just about value for their lead at half-time, but in the second half everything went sour for Adelaide. South won a corner, and as it came over Evans was seen clearly to be impeding Marshall whilst Stuart Baxter climbed high to head home.

The referee, amazingly, awarded a goal, and the Adelaide players, clearly incensed, besieged him, with the result that Deans got his marching orders, and then Johnny Perin was booked. Adelaide were rattled and the tackling got worse, with Campbell getting the worst of it. The last time Campbell

Adelaide City

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ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, B. Nyskohus 3, Russo 2 (Marwe 63m), Besir 3, Lister 4, Perin 2, Muniz 4, Deans 2, Matic 3, Cummings 2, Evans 5, Campbell 4 (Nicolaidis 57m). **Coach:** Les Scheinflug.

Goals: 0-1 Evans (35m), 2-0 Baxter (62m), 3-0 Kalafatidis (78m), 4-0 Cummings (82m), 5-0 Evans (83m). **Referee:** N. Karlich. **Crowd:** 5000. **Cautions:** Perin, Lister. **Sent off:** Deans (62m).

went down, Zoran Matic sportingly carried him off, fireman fashion, and young Nicolaidis, another teenager, took his place. Adelaide's 10 men defended desperately, but South went further ahead, from a free-kick just outside the box that Chris Kalafatidis drove home like a thunderbolt. South, with Baxter limping, sat back on their lead, and Adelaide threw everyone forward, only to be jolted by a great counter-punch. Cummings came out of his own box at great speed, found the wily Evans lurking unmarked and he split the remaining two Adelaide defenders with a perfect ball for Cummings to run past the advancing Marshall. In the next minute, Evans, having missed an easy goal, scored again, brilliantly, and then had Marshall flinging himself desperately to stop another with his finger tips.

— LES SHORROCK

Canberra City

1 (1)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 5, Kawaleva 2, Henderson 3, Hogg 3, Salgado 4, Davies 3, Stark 4, Cant 3, Heywood 3 (Lustica 35m), Byrne 3, Stoddart 3. **Coach:** John Warren.

Goals: 0-1 Thomson (16m), 0-2 Smith (23m), 1-2 Heywood (33m). **Referee:** D. Nugent. **Crowd:** 3500. **Cautions:** Stoddart.

Very cold, wet weather formed a somewhat fitting backdrop to what many regarded as a foregone conclusion. Against a Canberra side apparently bereft through absence or injury of much of the talent it takes to upset champions, Hakoah, it seemed, would win. It certainly looked that way after 23 minutes. Murray Barnes had headed down the corner for Thomson, to open the scoring, and Smith added the second, chipping wide of the advancing Tilsed. A two-goal lead was conservative when one considers that Tilsed brought off three fine saves in this period. In the 10th minute Barnes had a header against the crossbar, and then Smith added the second, chipping wide of the advancing Tilsed. A two-goal lead was conservative when one considers that Tilsed brought off three fine saves in this period.

The Canberra 'keeper then followed Smith on two occasions, punching a header against the crossbar, and then palming a shot wide. With what they thought was a firm grip on points Hakoah proceeded to muck about at the back. In the 33rd minute Byrne robbed a defender and Stoddart

deflected away a freekick. But the equaliser should have come in the 84th minute when Stoddart pushed Byrne through at an angle. The young striker inexplicably slewed his shot harmlessly across the face of the goal and Hakoah went home happy.

— CHRIS KUNZ

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F</th								



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Hakoah need win to hit the front

With two matches to go, a great battle has developed between reigning champions Hakoah and Westad for the 1978 title.

—By Stephen Dettre —

This week both are involved in extremely tough tussles, Hakoah taking on their traditional rivals St. George, while Westad face South Melbourne in Melbourne for the clash of titans.

The second match should draw a record crowd, for a South Melbourne win would put them in with a chance of snatching the prize.

After last week's brilliant demolition of Adelaide City they certainly must be rated a chance to defeat Westad.

However, they are now without young George Christopoulos and George Campbell who tragically broke his leg last week.

Campbell is a tireless worker and creator, and his loss could be sorely felt.

Westad showed their true form last week against Western Suburbs to win, coming back from a disastrous match against Hakoah.

If both teams play true to form then a South Melbourne win should be the end result.

The second most important clash of the weekend will be in Sydney at Wentworth Park between Hakoah and St. George.

Once again the prospect of these two giants doing battle in an important match has whetted the appetites of many soccer fans, and a good crowd is expected.

Saints blitzed Marconi in a devastating 25-minute spell last week, being brilliantly led by Ralph Coates, who turned on his best performance in Sydney.

They looked sharper and more alert, but foolishly slackened off after going 2-0 up and could have easily dropped a point.

Hakoah grabbed a lucky two points against Canberra, and will have to improve their concentration to make certain against Saints.

The difference in this clash could lie in midfield where Hakoah look decidedly more powerful, with a trio of tried and trusted star workers.

But Saints' star Coates could sway the match.

With St. George riding high on the crest of a wave of victory, and with Hakoah certain not to take

too many chances I feel a draw is the possible result.

The only Saturday match this week takes place in Adelaide where City play Lions in a match meaningless for both.

However, it may be useful in terms that preparations can be made for coming Cup matches.

Adelaide City have been a great disappointment this year, never really hitting those fantastic peaks of last season, while Lions, through steady progress and solid performances, have been able to attain a respectable position.

A home town win is my tip.

Marconi still have, theoretically at least, a slender chance of taking out the PSL title, but it would need losses by the other title contenders for the next two weeks.

They really "blew" their chance with last week's loss, and can have no one to blame but themselves.

Marconi played badly, even when on top of St. George in the second half.

Jankovics was static and ineffective, Sharne was not used at all while, in midfield, there was a stereotyping of ideas.

Olympic, though reasonably placed at seventh, have lost their fans for the rest of the season, mainly because they have nothing left to win.

The magic left foot of Ainslie struck home last week for a spectacular goal, and his presence in itself should be worth a few extra hundred fans alone against Marconi.

Marconi are, undoubtedly, down psychologically, and if Olympic can raise their game for one last effort they too might be able to snatch a prestigious win or draw.

Adelaide City's second match of the weekend is against Fitzroy, again in a clash with little meaning to either.

Fitzroy left their run for the semi-finals far too late, and then could not sustain the effort.

Now they will have to think about next year, and hope to once again surpass the efforts of

local arch rivals South Melbourne.

The outcome here depends on the "freshness" of Adelaide City, and a win to Fitzroy would not surprise.

Western Suburbs, the "hot and cold" specialists who like to win at home, take on Canberra this week in a match important for Clive Eaton, in that he must try and bag some goals to make certain of top scorer award.

Canberra would dearly love the two points to try and move into tenth spot at the expense of Adelaide City and, with a deal of application, they could well do just that.

Both sides are packed with Australian talent, as well as some gifted imports.

For Wests, the absence of young Greg Woodhouse, on tour in the USA, is a great loss, as the youngster was pulling off some tremendous saves and giving his back line confidence.

Terry Eaton, his veteran replacement, will have to call upon all his skill to keep out such men as Byrne and Haywood.

Another home town team win is my tip.

The match which is expected to draw very poorly is the Brisbane City-Newcastle match at Perry Park.

Brisbane have laid firm claim to the wooden spoon now, three points adrift of Footscray, and not looking capable of fighting their way out with the two remaining games.

A Newcastle win here would not surprise, for Kenny Boden must be hungry for goals, hoping to overhaul Clive Eaton in the remaining two games for top scorer award.

The last match is the Footscray-Brisbane Lions clash at Middle Park on Sunday.

Lions will travel to Melbourne after the game with Adelaide City the day before, and it will be a

great test of their strength if they can take out this one.

Physically, they are a much more powerful side than Footscray, who have been notorious this season for their collapses when looking set for a win.

But, as has been proven with so many teams this year, pretty football is not enough to win matches.

Power and well disciplined players are also needed, such as in Westad, South Melbourne, Hakoah and possibly Lions.

My tip for this match is a draw.

Brisbane

Dennis Ford, who only a few short weeks ago was encouraged to leave his State Director of Coaching position to try his luck fulltime with Brisbane City, has been relieved of his PSL commitment by the club president. Ford is still to be employed as a coach ostensibly with the juniors in the club.

Rumour has it that big changes are also to be made at committee level in the City club, where all is in the doldrums at the moment with the team holding bottom position.

Dennis Ford, gone from the PSL scene, is still in charge of the Queensland side for the game against New South Wales. Good job he didn't take in Lions v Fitzroy game or he may have felt his week was just about to cave in on him. Spearritt, the Lions midfielder, upon whom it was expected Ford would build his "engine room", failed a fitness test and didn't play. The rest of the Lion's team were not overly impressive and, with some nine of them in his squad, Ford would have been a worried man by the end.

Down, down, down come the crowds and in one last desperate act of promotion the Lions Promotions and Marketing Committee are staging an American style family day on August 27 when they meet Brisbane City in their final game of the season. Entertainment will begin at 10am with non-stop displays, games, shows and giveaways until the main game. If this doesn't work they'll have to dig out a crystal ball to find the answer, as everything else has been tried.

— M. HAY

NSW FED. JUNIORS

RESULTS: SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

U-14 U-15 U-16

Syd Olymp v Hakoah 1-3 — 1-0

Mar'ville v Melita 7-1 5-0 —

Belmore v APIA 0-1 0-4 0-0

West Subs v G'ford 4-0 3-1 4-0

Blacktown v Marconi 2-2 1-4 0-2

Belmore v Bankstown 2-0 2-1 1-3

APIA v Melita 9-0 7-0 4-0

Mar'ville v Blacktown 1-2 1-3 —

T'gabbe v West Subs 2-0 0-6 0-4

Auburn v Marconi 0-4 0-4 —

Br. City v Melita — — —

UNDER-14 W D L F A P

West Subs 18 3 1 76 18 39

Toongabbie 17 3 1 72 13 37

APIA 16 4 1 70 16 36

Sydney Olympic 11 6 4 42 19 28

Marconi 10 6 6 63 32 26

Blacktown 8 7 5 47 20 23

Marrickville 8 4 9 42 30 20

Auburn 7 2 9 39 37 16

Hakoah 8 — 12 38 44 16

Belmore 2 7 13 21 58 11

Melita 3 2 16 17 96 8

Bankstown 3 1 15 13 52 7

Guildford 1 19 6 104 1

UNDER-15 W D L F A P

West Subs 15 3 2 101 15 33

APIA 15 3 1 77 7 33

Belmore 14 5 1 50 16 33

Marconi 14 2 4 94 16 30

Guildford 12 3 3 41 17 27

Auburn 6 2 10 28 45 14

Blacktown 6 1 10 34 42 13

Sydney Olympic 5 3 11 24 50 13

Toongabbie 4 4 12 12 58 12

Blacktown 4 3 11 19 43 11

Marrickville 1 3 16 15 82 5

Melita 1 2 16 12 116 4

UNDER-16 W D L F A P

Marconi 13 5 2 37 10 *32

Sydney Olympic 12 5 2 38 13 29

Bankstown 11 5 2 48 19 27

APIA 10 7 2 36 12 27

West Subs 9 3 8 42 23 21

Auburn 9 3 4 32 13 21

Belmore 5 8 7 18 23 18

Guildford 6 5 8 31 41 17

Hakoah 3 8 8 21 30 14

Toongabbie 5 3 11 24 40 13

Blacktown 5 1 12 7 45 7

Melita — 1 18 10 79 1

U-14s, 6.00pm; U-15s, 7.15pm; U-16s, 8.30pm.

MAJOR SEMIFINAL: 1 v 2

Gorside Park, Thursday, September 14

Times as above

FINALS: Loser 1 v 2 play winner 3 v 4

Gorside Park, Wednesday, September 20

Times as above

GRAND FINALS: Winner 1 v 2 play winner final

Gorside Park, Wednesday, September 27

Times as above

Trials for the NSW Federation State teams are as follows:

VENUE — GUILDFORD PARK

Under-14 Friday, August 18, 6.00 pm;

Monday, August 21, 6.30pm; Monday, September 18, 6.30pm.

Under-15: Friday, August 18, 7.30pm;

Friday, August 25, 6.30pm; Friday, September 22, 6.30pm.

INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Navy v RAAF 4-1; RAAF v Army 2-0; Navy v Army 4-1.

The series was played at the Richmond RAAF base.

MINOR SEMIFINAL: 3 v 4

Gorside Park, Wednesday, September 13

Sydney

Sydney Olympic have decided to widen their approach to the public in general next season. President John Constantine says promotions will be carried out in a wide-ranging campaign. "We can no longer depend upon Greek support alone. We have been winning for a while now, but the people do not come flocking back." No doubt Olympic will look carefully at the drawcards they need as well for 1979.

Billy Rorke, the national goalkeeper of 10 years ago, is the man standing by at Easts-Hakoah to fill the gap if Todd Clarke goes out due to injury. Billy, formerly with Cessnock and APIA-Leichhardt, was signed when it was realised that Tony Pezzano would be away from three weeks in August on the Australian schoolboys' tour of the United States.

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It was a case of brotherly co-operation at Wentworth Park last Sunday. Greg Allan went off late in the game, replacement was brother Don, who returned after an operation on his broken nose.

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	17	—	3	47	8	34
Sutherland	12	3	5	31	14	27
Auburn	11	3	7	44	30	25
Monaro	10	5	5	34	22	25
Melita	12	—	8	35	26	24
APIA	10	3	8	29	20	23
Mv. Olympic	9	3	8	26	28	21
Toongabbie	6	6	8	20	24	18
Avala	7	3	9	23	30	17
Yugol	7	3	9	24	34	17
Granville	5	6	10	18	31	16
Manly	5	6	10	20	42	16
Arncliffe	3	4	13	12	35	10
Bankstown	3	3	14	16	35	9

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi	14	3	3	55	27	31
Gladesville	13	5	3	39	23	31
Nepean	12	4	5	45	22	28
Port Hacking	11	5	5	49	22	27
Bathurst	12	2	7	42	24	26
Dee Why	10	3	8	40	35	23
Went	8	6	6	23	18	22
Lethbridge	7	6	8	27	26	20
Lane Cove	5	4	11	18	23	14
Yagoona	4	4	12	24	43	12
Riverstone	1	6	13	10	79	8
West Ryde	1	2	17	18	48	4

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	12	6	1	41	15	30
Campbelltown	9	8	3	36	23	26
Ashcroft	10	6	4	35	24	26
Sydney Uni.	12	1	6	40	30	25
Greenwich	9	6	5	32	26	24
Hurstville	9	5	5	43	37	23
Ryde	7	6	6	35	26	20
Nth. Bankstown	7	5	8	27	31	19
Artarmon	6	5	9	32	39	17
Padstow	6	1	13	35	49	13
Fairfield	3	4	13	19	36	10
Holroyd	—	3	17	21	60	3

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	14	3	3	49	22	31
Baulkham Hills	13	4	2	51	16	30
Ashcroft	10	6	4	43	24	26
Campbelltown	11	3	6	36	29	25
Ryde	8	4	7	32	31	20
Artarmon	7	6	7	32	37	20
Nth. Bankstown	6	7	2	26	27	19
Fairfield	7	3	10	32	38	17
Hurstville	6	2	11	24	39	14
Greenwich	5	3	12	25	52	13
Holroyd	4	2	14	22	54	10
Sydney Uni.	4	1	14	28	38	9

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	13	2	3	47	20	28
Kingsford	10	5	4	44	30	25
Paddington	9	5	4	31	24	23
North Ryde	10	2	5	41	33	22
Chelsea	9	3	6	31	27	21
Eastwood	6	7	6	29	30	19
Revesby Rovers	8	2	8	41	33	18
Maroubra	6	3	9	27	33	15
North Rocks	4	6	8	27	36	14
Auburn Juniors	4	1	12	27	42	9
Haberfield	1	2	15	22	59	4

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kingsford	10	5	4	41	24	25
Eastwood	12	1	5	37	25	25
North Rocks	9	5	4	44	27	23
Bonnyrigg	10	2	6	43	28	22
Paddington	10	1	6	34	24	21
Auburn Juniors	7	4	6	34	23	18
North Ryde	7	4	6	33	37	18
Revesby Rovers	7	2	9	30	36	16
Chelsea	4	2	12	30	54	10
Haberfield	4	2	12	23	49	10
Maroubra	3	2	13	26	48	8

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East. Creek	13	6	1	63	19	32
West Holroyd	14	4	2	44	15	32
Concordia	13	3	4	41	27	29
Pagewood	10	5	5	32	24	25
Fairfield West	8	4	7	42	37	20
W. St. George	6	8	5	47	43	20
Camden	7	4	9	35	46	18
Macquarie Uni.	6	3	11	35	43	15
Prospect	4	6	10	31	37	14
Hawkesbury	5	3	12	24	43	13
Canley Heights	4	4	12	32	51	12
Green Valley	3	2	15	30	72	8

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairfield West	15	1	2	54	22	31
Eastern Creek	12	4	4	49	27	28
W. St. George	12	3	4	46	28	27
Prospect	13	1	6	44	34	27
West Holroyd	10	3	7	33	23	23
Macquarie Uni.	9	2	9	39	35	20
Canley Heights	8	4	8	29	37	20
Camden	7	1	12	30	40	15
Concordia	6	3	11	23	33	15
Hawkesbury	4	4	12	25	41	12
Green Valley	4	1	14	27	30	9
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STATE LEAGUE

MELITA—AUBURN 3-4 (1-2)

Despite a whirlwind finish, Melita failed to salvage anything from this highly entertaining game. Willie Hamilton and John McDonald served Auburn well in midfield, particularly in the first half, making some great openings which, with better finish, would have given Auburn a big lead at half-time. As it turned out, Auburn did manage a 4-1 lead by mid-second half to see it whittled away by a great fight-back from Melita in the late stages of the game.

With Bobby Smith out of the side — transferred to Albury — Melita lost all its recognised midfielders which made it hard for them despite some excellent attacking football in the last 20 minutes.

Andrew Huntley, Richard Yamine and Steve Verviris had top games on

ARNCLIFFE—MANLY 0-1 (0-0)

The Scots showed more purpose and method for the first 60 minutes in an interesting but slow-paced match. They had ample chances to score, but it was Manly who took advantage through Mick Banks when a defensive error let him slip the ball home.

Manly allowed Bankhead to roam free and he gave Baker and Muscovits plenty of the ball but no goal came in spite of the pressure. Once in front, Manly did not look like losing as Banks held them together at the back and Cassettari played in his norm.

BANKSTOWN—TOONGABBIE 0-1 (0-0)

Carlos Ortega brilliantly angled a ball from the left past goalkeeper Greedy in the 55th minute to give the Demons their win. Bankstown started shakily, picked up their game and should have shot into the lead, and finally fell apart after Toongabbie's goal. Dave Tansley should have had a 22nd minute goal, missing a sitter after Neil Williams' through ball.

A minute later Williams went through three players, only to have his shot brilliantly saved by Peter Freeman, who did extremely well against his old club. Twice in the first half Bankstown had goals disallowed, but right at the end it was

CROATIA—Mv. OLYMPIC 4-0 (0-0)

Hero of a match in which Croatia could have easily doubled the score was second-half replacement John Russell. It took only a minute for him to make his presence felt as he careered down the right wing to cut in and score. Three minutes later he all but scored again, but the ball was tipped over the bar by Marrickville defender Allan Sheldrick.

The resultant penalty was converted by Attila Abonyi. Russell was also responsible for the third goal, which was laid on for his brother Bob. Ian Stoner brought the score to 4-0 in the 89th minute. In the first half Croatia did everything but score. The ball was twice kicked off the goal-line, headed

SUTHERLAND—AVALA 4-0 (1-0)

Sutherland won this one easily without having to find even a touch of brilliance. They held possession continually. John Watkiss did a tremendous job in directing his team, and his partner in defence Vic Dal Forno had a great game as well. Unfortunately for Avala, defender George Krejza had an off day and continually presented the ball to his opponents.

Sutherland were ahead after three minutes after Peter Beggs followed up a Steve Meades shot that rebounded off the post. Griffiths, Kodor and Morrow worked hard for some close chances midway in the first half, but

AUBURN—GRANVILLE 2-0 (1-0)

John McDonald was the key man in a deserved Auburn win that kept him on the road towards the semi-finals. Jim Bielby went very close for Auburn after 15 minutes of testing football. In the 44th minute Bruce Tilt pounced on Willie Hamilton's pass to score from seven metres. After the interval Auburn were on top.

Larry Bates and Jim Heron both missed chances for Granville. Then, in the 60th minute, McDonald turned on a pass for Tilt to score again. Although McDonald was the man of

YUGAL—APIA 0-2 (0-0)

APIA collected two useful points from second-half goals but they were far from impressive. Yugal played no better, failing to produce the form they are capable of. In the opening minutes Butler and Doyle went close, but the best effort was from Billy Griffith who headed on a Mark Pullen cross that was brilliantly saved by Andy Mandrides.

Yugal rarely created a chance but one 40-metre shot from Tom Mihajlovic was splendidly tipped over the bar by Mike Fraser. Eric Carruthers opened APIA's account in the 53rd

MELITA—MONARO 2-1 (1-0)

Melita, reeling under the loss of midfielders Bobby Smith and Joe Farrugia, still managed to beat the ball playing. Monaro in a fast and entertaining game of football. Vernon Darvill, emerging as the new strong man in the Melita midfield, combined well with Colin McAusland to win the lion's share of the ball which certainly gave the Eagles the edge on their opponents. They dictated play for most of the first half where, with better shooting, Melita could have had a commanding lead by half-time. The Eagles were also hampered by some brilliant saves from Monaro keeper Laurie Palic who, on at least three occasions, saved from point-blank range.

Although showing plenty of skill on

the right but the left was wide open for exploitation which makes one wonder what happened to leftback Bob McPherson who seems fit to be only a spectator at Melita's games.

MELITA: Bracklow 2, Verviris 4, Mikas 3 (Yoran: 36m), Yamine 4, Huntley 4, Darvill 5, Parker 4, McAusland 2, Jones 3, Ikonomou 4, McGovern 3.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, Corner 4, Peters 3, Dobson 4, Fairclough 4, McDonald 4, Stevenson 3, Hamilton 4, Tilt 3, Biebley 4, Tracey 4 (Field: 80m).

Goals: 0-1 Bielby (26m), 0-2 Hamilton (32m), 1-2 Darvill (33m), 1-3 Tracey (62m), 1-4 Tilt (78m), 2-4 McGovern (85m), 3-4 Darvill (87m). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 525.

— C. SPITERI

courageous style in goal.

ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 3, Butler 3, Walsh 2 (Warner: 46m), Smart 3, Hall 2, Brizuela 3, Bankhead 4, Santa Rose 2 (Martin: 46m), Muscovits 4, Blackburn 3, Baker 4.

MANLY: Cassettari 4, Dick 3, Gosling 3, Doyle 2, Stocks 4, Banks 3, Geoghegan 3, Geekie 3, Nawali 3, Roosendaal 3, Stuart 3.

Goal: 0-1 Banks (57m). **Referee:** M. Roberts. **Crowd:** 186.

— R. DEWICK

Toongabbie's turn to miss when Armitage's shot was knocked away by Greedy with his feet.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 3, Morrison 3 (Lembryk: 56m), Lynch 4, Usher 3, Trusty 3 (Rootsey: 80m), Angelopoulos 3, Williams 3, Peck 2, Daley 3, Tansley 3.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 4, Taylor 3, Gerlo 4, Oldham 3, Pena 5, Hormazabal 3, Pollard 4, Benito De Valle 2 (Barwick: 46m), Izzatt 4, Ortega 3, Armytag 2.

Goal: 0-1 Ortega (55m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 303.

— E. PERSEN

away once, and on another occasion it hit the upright.

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 4, Cagali 4, Mullen 4, Smith 3, Stone 5, Coleman 3, Savor 1 (J. Russell: 40m, 4), Abonyi 4, Kovacic 3, Sullivan 3.

MARRICKVILLE: Vlatis 3, Kable 3, Sheldrick 4, Thompson 3, Penman 4, Bosgnos 2 (Sabeh: 55m, 1), Paraskevas 3, Balafas 2 (Trianafyllis: 72m), Brown 3, Nezeritis 3, Karapayros 2.

Goals: 1-0 Russell (46m), 2-0 Abonyi (pen. 50m), 3-0 R. Russell (67m), 4-0 Stone (89m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 1821.

— E. DE MESQUITA

It is the second time that Hoare, just turned 18, will have been there for coaching.

Club officials rate the youngster as being ahead of Socceroo Allan Maher at a similar age.

Now with Marconi, Maher spent a period at Granville as well as at Wests and Sutherland before joining the Italian-backed club.

The Magpies are more than happy with their present young contingent of David Harvey, Larry Bates, Graham Barron and Graeme Barker.

Granville created a sensation when they released players and reverted to an amateur system when they were hit by decreased gate receipts at the time the Philips League started.

Former Granville players are with five other State League clubs, and bright prospect Brian Northcote is a regular with Adelaide City.

the match young Barry Hoare performed wonders in the Granville goal.

AUBURN: Gisborne 3, Cornett 4, Peters 3, Dobson 4, Fairclough 3, McDonald 5, Stevenson 4, Hamilton 4, Tilt 4, J. Bielby 3 (Hoisted), Tracey 3.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 5, Barron 4, Sands 3, Selfridge 3, Lackey 3, Barker 3, Bates 4, Heron 3, Thomas 3, Fraser 4, Waldon 4.

Goals: 1-0 Tilt (44m), 2-0 Tilt (60m). **Referee:** O. Pritchard. **Crowd:** 360.

— R. SIMMONDS

It is no secret some of their former stars will be rejoining them next season.

Granville's problems started when the club's Supporters' Club invested \$70,000 in their 1976 team, and the year's activities resulted in a \$25,000 loss.

Last year they chalked up a \$45,000 profit — a \$70,000 reversal — and this year their figures at the June 30 mark beat those set for the whole of last year.

The soccer club has operated without licensed club support this year and it is in the black, thanks largely to the hiring out of the popular Garside Park arena.

The Supporters' Club has a request for approval of extensions to the club currently before the court for approval.

The team still has to find ways to build its crowds, but there is no doubt that things are starting to happen with this fine old club.

APIA COULD DIP OUT OF TOPFOUR

Auburn's big bid for a semi-final place is on. Already they have replaced Melita Eagles in fourth place, although they have played one match more.

MARRICKVILLE v AVALA

Marrickville should take this one if Eric Williams is right after injury and Harry Xipolitas is back to form after his suspension.

It was the still-brilliant John McDonald who caused Granville's demise last Sunday, and he no doubt has reserved a big game for this important clash with his former club.

Also high on the list of games this weekend, due to their semi-final influence, are APIA-Melita at Lambert Park and Monaro's clash with Bankstown at Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Manly, 1-0 winners over Arncliffe last Saturday, have now left it to Arncliffe (10 points) and Bankstown (9) to decide the relegation spot.

ARNCLIFFE v CROATIA

Toongabbie's form against Bankstown was encouraging last week, but against Croatia it is entirely a different matter.

They will have to take every chance they make, otherwise Abonyi & Co. will turn the tide and the goals will come raining in.

The pressure is bound to be on the Toongabbie defence, which, with Eduardo Pena and Hector Gerlo playing well, is a fairly strong unit.

They will have to take every chance they make, otherwise Abonyi & Co. will turn the tide and the goals will come raining in.

Croatia's lead over Sutherland has now stretched to seven points, with six matches remaining.

Both teams are somewhat similar in ability, but this time it could be a repeat issue.

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— By Keith Gilmour —

promptings are bound to play a big role in the result.

Melita came back so well against Monaro last week that they are at least equal favorites in this Lambert Park encounter.

Much is going to depend upon form on the day, and it is getting close to the situation when APIA must give final four thoughts away entirely if they do not win on this occasion.

JUNIOR TITLES

Under-14 has proved the most popular grade for the National Youth Championships.

Matches will be played from August 26 to September 2 in four States.

Competing in under-14 in Morwell, Victoria will be Queensland, Northern NSW, ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

All but the Northern Territory will play at under-15 level.

Only the ACT is missing from under-13, and Victoria and the ACT do not participate in under-12s.

The championships give great encouragement to the youngsters, enabling them to play high class games and to receive top coaching.

The value of the series is not lost on national junior council secretary Brian Emery.

In a recent NSW State League match between Melita and Manly he picked out six players in action who had appeared for NSW in recent years.

The under-15 titles will be held at Gosford, the thriving Brisbane Waters centre which is expected to play in the new Northern NSW State League in 1979.

The under-13s tournament will be held in Brisbane, and under-12s in Hobart.

Granville is on way back

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WORLD NEWS



OSGOOD BACK WITH CHELSEA

Poland's captain, Kazimierz Deyna, 31, may soon join Manchester City in yet another move certain to shock the more insular sections of the British soccer public.

City boss Tony Book has been negotiating with Deyna and his club, hoping to sign the veteran midfielder any day now.

Meanwhile Leeds, after the dismissal of Jimmy Armfield, are looking for a new manager.

Southampton's Laurie McMenemy has turned down the \$38,000 job and Leeds now hope to attract Don Howe (Arsenal), Ron Saunders (Aston Villa) or the semi-retired Jackie Charlton.

Some newspapers suggested Billy Bremner but the Leeds directors were not amused; his name is not even uttered in the boardroom.

QPR's manager, Frank Sibley, at 28 the youngest in the top business, has resigned for family reasons.

He was player, trainer and then manager of the Londoners.

For the time being, his post has

been filled with Alec Stock.

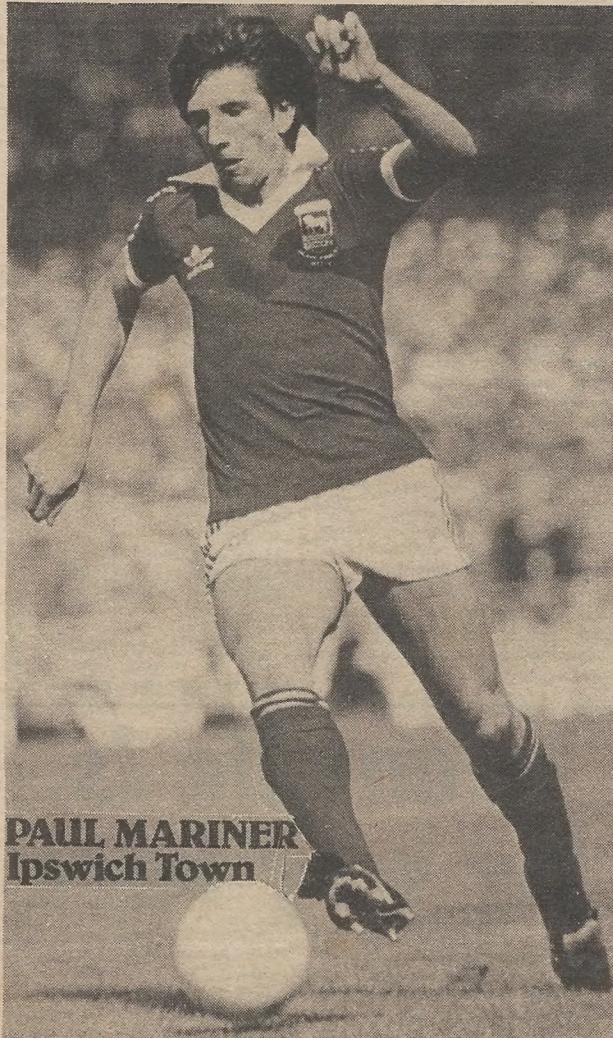
Ipswich, which will play in the Cupwinner's Cup, are having deep financial problems any may have to sell their two stars.

Talbot could go to Arsenal while Paul Mariner, who unexpectedly returned from Benfica Lisbon without signing for them, may join Liverpool or Manchester City.

But the biggest surprise of all the movements is that of Peter Osgood, who last year went to Philadelphia on a huge salary.

Unsettled and disillusioned about the standard of US soccer, Osgood, now 31, has returned to Chelsea, his first love.

Chelsea have made quite some profit on Osgood; less than five years ago they sold him to Southampton for \$410,000 and now bought him back from the USA for \$80,000.



PAUL MARINER
Ipswich Town

Paul Mariner — the saviour of Ipswich?

Germans on the move

German players are popular in several countries of Western Europe.

The 12 Swiss first division clubs among them have seven: Lauscher (Basel), Franz (Chiasso), Hey (Grasshoppers), Weller (Xamax), Schneider (Sion), Stoeckl (St Gallen) and Hussner (Young Boys).

Two are in France: Rohr (Bordeaux) and Michelberger (Reims).

However, France is a haven for Yugoslavs; there are 12 of them there with seven Argentinians, three Dutchmen, two Poles, two Senegalese, one Swede, Brazilian and also one from the Ivory Coast.

Of the 12 Swiss clubs, four have German coaches: Basel (Benthaus), Chiasso (Lutrop), Grasshopper (Johannsen) and Young Boys (Konietzka).

All-time winners

Which country has been the most successful in the various Euro-Cups in the last 23 years?

Before you say anything, think of the domination of Real Madrid, then the two Milan clubs ... or perhaps Ajax and Feyenoord ...

Well, the answer is — England.

Taking into account all the 23 Champions' Cups, 18 Cupwinners' Cups and 20 Fair Cities, now UEFA Cups, this is the tally:

	W	F	SF
England	14	24	41
Spain	13	24	36
Italy	9	18	31
West Germany	7	12	28
Holland	6	8	15
Portugal	3	6	8
Belgium	2	6	11
Scotland	2	5	17
Hungary	1	5	12
Yugoslavia	1	3	11

W — Wins. F — Finalists. SF — Semifinalists

Austrians spend big

The World Cup euphoria has spread from the national team to some of the Austrian clubs.

For long suffering from financial hardships, they have now splashed out large sums to rebuild for the new season.

Enzo Bearzot, manager of Italy, has had his contract renewed for at least two more years.

Encouraged if not excited by Tottenham's capture of two Argentine aces, Ardiles and Villa, Middlesbrough made a \$800,000 offer to Valencia for the brilliant Mario Kempes. Of course, Valencia's prompt reply was a firm but polite "no".

Luis Cesar Menotti, Argentina's manager, had his new book, "How We Won the World Cup", on the bookshelves nine days after the final.

Krol and Schrijvers, two of the Dutch stars of Ajax who suffered injuries during the World Cup, are still inactive, much to the anxiety of their club.

Close shave for Monchengladbach's brilliant Danish star Alan Simonsen: he doesn't need an operation on his injured knee.

Flohe and Beers, two of the West German World Cup midfielders, have announced their intention not to play again for the national team.

"I can improve further and I will play better" — this is the modest comment of Argentine World Cup star Mario Kempes.

Since his return earlier this year to Brazil from Kuwait, Mario Zagalo's team, Botafogo, have played 52 matches without defeat, scoring 93 and conceding 23 goals.

Mario Kempes, hero of the 1978 World Cup, has signed a four-year contract with a bank in Valencia promoting their services.

Everton signed the talented Irish striker, Micky Walsh, while Manchester City have acquired Paul Fletcher, Luton's young freekick.

After Bonhof's departure to Spain and Wimmer's retirement, Borussia Monchengladbach have suffered yet another setback when international star Berti Vogts broke his leg.

Japan's national under-19 team, preparing for next year's Coca-Cola Youth World Cup finals, held in Japan, is touring Europe for experience.

AEK of Athens and Nottingham Forest played a 1-1 draw in a friendly in Athens, watched by 30,000.

Causing a huge surprise, star striker Blokhin has not been selected in the USSR national squad preparing for the European Championship matches.

Tarak and Temime, two of Tunisia's top players, have joined a club in Saudi Arabia.

Not everything is milk and honey for Franz Beckenbauer with Cosmos where only last week he had a tiff with coach-manager Eddie Firmani. Firmani took him off the field towards the end of a match against Seattle and Franz left furiously. Explained Firmani later: "I saw the game was getting dirty and I didn't want him to get hurt." Retorted the offended Franz: "I'm not a baby, I can look after myself, don't need the mollycoddling of a coach."

Only two of the West German Bundesliga clubs have no sponsors: Schalke and the champions FC Kolin. The highest fee is paid to Monchengladbach by a heating gas company (\$300,000 p.a.), while Bayern Munchen gets \$260,000 from a truck manufacturer. The others range from \$220,000 to \$45,000 (Nurnberg) a year. No less than three Japanese firms are involved: Pentax, Hitachi and Minolta.

The Yugoslav fans must have been pretty hungry for some soccer after the summer break: the Partizan v Red Star friendly drew 80,000 spectators. Red Star won 1-0 with a goal by Petrovic.

Gerd Mueller is still the feared predator he once was. Recently his team, Bayern Munchen, played a friendly with Austria Salzburg as part of the transfer deal for Franz Roth. At halftime Salzburg were leading 3-2 (Mueller scored one of the two German goals) — then in the second half Bayern romped in 7-3. All five second half goals were by Mueller ...

The exodus to Saudi Arabia continues. The latest to pitch his tent on the oil rich soil is Brazilian ace Paulo Cesar who has joined the Al Hilal club — which had already signed Rivelino earlier.

The semifinalists in the Brazilian Cup (Taca Brazil) were Guarini, Palmeiras, Vasco de Gama and Internacional; Guarini won the final.

Franz Beckenbauer is moving heaven and earth to induce Cosmos to sign his old friend, Bayern goalie Sepp Maier.

Argentina has cancelled the proposed match against England on November 29, claiming that many of their top players are tired. The truth is probably that they have lost so many of their stars since June — Tarantini, Bertoni, Villa, Ardiles — that they don't want to risk their Mundial reputation with a possible defeat.

Earlier this month when Manchester United played a "friendly" in Cologne, English fans caused a near-riot and mass brawl. Police, anticipating trouble, confiscated heaps of bicycle chains, knives and steel rods from them at the gate but couldn't prevent all the trouble later which sent 15 people to hospital, two in a critical condition.

Peter White, one of the talented Nottingham Forest strikers, has been put on the transfer list, at his own request.

Eintracht Frankfurt signed Rudi Elsener, 25, from the Swiss Grasshoppers.

The West German Saarbruecken has placed on the transfer list its ex-Yugoslav international star Acimovic.

Having been relieved of his sole control during the World Cup and facing a barrage of criticism since, Brazil's manager Claudio Coutinho is likely to accept a huge offer from Saudi Arabia.

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